

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Planning enables a governmental entity to become a more attractive and a more functional place in which to work and live. A county that plans effectively has a means of implementing measures according to a predetermined strategy which will enable it to effectively eliminate blighted conditions, improve the quality of life, and further the capacities for economic development.

The information provided in this document will enable Vance County to plan for the use of the land and the preservation, development, or redevelopment, of the housing resources within its jurisdiction from now until the year 2000. These two elements, Housing and Land Use, are the primary components of Vance County's comprehensive planning process.

Both elements have been assembled to satisfy the comprehensive planning requirements set forth by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under 24 CFR Part 600, and is intended to serve Vance County in the following manner:

- A. Provide a basis for consistency in existing policies and programs.
- B. Provide a clear sense of direction for county planning.
- C. Provide the planner and the executive with a working policy document.
- D. Provide an indication of areas of concern which require intergovernmental action and cooperation.
- E. Provide the public with the knowledge that there are specific county goals and that future growth is being planned and regulated.